

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Hampton, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 31, 2013 to June 18, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed establishment of a safety zone in support of the Fort Monroe Fireworks in a portion of the Chesapeake Bay offshore of Fort Monroe on July 4, 2013 to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard intends to promulgate a regulation to establish a safety zone for the Fort Monroe Fireworks, to be enforced on July 4, 2013 from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The purpose is to protect mariners and spectators from hazards associated with the fireworks display. Hazards consist of accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The safety zone will include all waters of the Chesapeake Bay off Fort Monroe, within a 420-foot radius of approximate position 37-0-5 N/076-18-17 W. The Coast Guard plans to establish a temporary final rule in Table 33 CFR section 165.506 to enforce the safety zone. The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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